

STRIKE FERMENT—12,000 MEN OUT AT DOCKS

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Passenger cabin of the new "business man's" aeroplane. In it the business man and his secretary will be enabled to make the quickest of quick journeys from one point to another, getting on with their work en route in perfect comfort.



The Earl of Rosebery, who is reported to be lying seriously ill at Dalmeny House. According to the latest news, his condition showed a marked improvement.

JAP SAILORS' FLAG DISPLAY AT ST. PAUL'S.



Japanese sailors on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. Several hundred of them visited London from warships now at Portsmouth, which have been co-operating with British and Allied fleets.—*(Daily Mirror.)*

DISARMING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF BERLIN.



Government soldiers searching civilians for arms in the Unter den Linden. A strenuous attempt is now being made to prevent the recurrence of street fighting.

# STRIKE FERMENT CONTINUES.

12,000 Men Out at Port of London.

## PLIGHT OF BELFAST.

Clyde Strikers Refuse to Pay Rent and Income Tax.

The strike outlook all over the country is again very serious. No sooner are one lot of workers appeased than discontent breaks out elsewhere.

Drastic and precipitate action by shipworkers is causing the gravest anxiety.

A big strike at the London Docks began yesterday, and at the Port of London 12,000 ship repairers and other employees came out.

This strike and similar strikes on the Clyde, the North-East Coast and at Belfast are said to be unauthorised by the men's leaders.

## AN EXTRA 15s. A WEEK.

"Cannot Grant It," Say Employers—Men Refuse Intervention.

The men at the London Docks are striking for an increase of 15s. a week. At a mass meeting at Poplar yesterday they decided not to resume work until their demands are conceded.

The chairman of the Thames Dock Proprietors and Ship Repairs' Association stated yesterday in the "Daily Mirror" that the strike continues it will affect the food supply.

"The men say that they will not have outside interference."

"We cannot grant this increase. Why should London pay it, and not other ports?"

**"Unofficial" Strike.**—A number of unions represented on the London District Shipbuilding and Engineering Joint Committee have informed their branches that the strike is not official, that no strike pay will be paid, and that the whole of the proceedings are unconstitutional.

Other dock strikes have occurred at Manchester and Salford (4,000 men out), Edinburgh (5,000), Leith, Blyth, on Tees-side and in North Yorks.

## 50,000 IDLE IN BELFAST.

Hospitals Without Electric Supply—Trade of City Dislocated.

Lack of electric power yesterday caused many industrial establishments to close in Belfast, where there are over 50,000 workpeople idle.

The entire trade of the city was retarded owing to the strike, and there was a forty-four hour week in the shipbuilding establishments.

Strikers paraded the streets yesterday and held a demonstration opposite the City Hall. The shops are compelled to close before dusk. It is feared that the telephone and telegraph service will be disorganized.

The Lord Mayor has agreed at the men's request to call a conference of both sides.

The transport service is still suspended, and the partial supply of electricity provided by consent of the strike committee to hospitals ceased yesterday morning.

Gravediggers have come out in sympathy.

**Police Charge Crowd.**—During the progress of a strikers' procession along Royal Avenue, Belfast, last night stone-throwing took place and a few windows were damaged. The police charged the crowd.

**Dublin Workers' Victory.**—A similar strike was threatened yesterday at Dublin among corporation workers, but their demands were acceded to by the corporation.

## 20,000 CLYDE MEN.

Officials Ask Minister of Labour to Visit Glasgow—“Critical Stage.”

Clyde strikers at Glasgow yesterday decided to continue the strike, and meanwhile to refuse payment of house rent and income tax.

The men's officials consider that the Clyde strike has reached a critical stage, and the committee have telegraphed to the Minister of Labour asking if he will visit Glasgow immediately.

There was a procession 20,000 strong in the company streets. The Scottish House and Motor Men's Association decided to remain on holiday; the only men permitted to work will be those engaged in bread and milk delivery.

**Railwaymen.**—The men demand that a Government Committee shall confer with their executive on the eight-hour day question.

Miners at the Alfreton pit, owned by the Blackwell Company, Derbyshire, came out yesterday.

Six thousand men at Dowlais are on strike. Scottish miners' executive have ordered idle men back to work. Twenty thousand Fifeshire men are returning, while there is a general return to Nottinghamshire pits.

Five thousand stationmasters are asking for better conditions.

Notts Miners are now to hand in their notices to-morrow for a forty-nine hours working week.

French railwaymen on the P.L.M. struck for fifteen hours yesterday in protest against delay in dealing with their demands. All trains stopped one minute.—Reuter.



Sir Alfred Eyles, K.C.B., late Accountant-General of the Navy, who has just been made a K.C.B.



Jess Willard, American boxer, has collected a purse of £20,000 for Jack Dempsey.

## MYSTERY TRAGEDIES.

Widow's Death in Passage Behind Her Little Shop.

WHO KILLED THOMAS BIANCHI?

Two mysterious tragedies are occupying the attention of the police.

In a room behind her little general shop at 165, Nightingale-road, Hitchin, a middle-aged widow named Ridgeway has been found dead. There were severe injuries to the woman's head, and beside the dead woman was her dog, also dead.

Mrs. Ridgeway, who lived alone, was last seen on Saturday. Yesterday morning some little girls went to the shop, but could get no reply to repeated knocks.

The police were then informed, and, upon going into the premises by a back entrance, made the discovery. A blood-stained 4lb. weight was lying on the floor near the body.

Mrs. Roach, who lives next door, has informed the police that she heard screams at about one o'clock on Sunday morning.

Silver coins were found in the passage and an empty cashbox, bag and purse were found on the floor upstairs.

**Shot from Hedge.**—While John Thomas Bianchi, aged eighteen, was walking with his cousin at Walks Gate, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Sunday night he was shot in the stomach from behind a hedge. At the same time a man rushed forward, struck the girl in the face with a revolver and then made off. Bianchi has died.

## MARMALADE.

Why It Must Be Included in Jam Ration—Cheese in May.

Despite large stocks in the country, marmalade is still充裕.

“It is still necessary to ration marmalade, though local food committees have permission to ration it themselves. In this case where large stocks are held,” an official at the Ministry of Food said to *The Daily Mirror*.

“Unless marmalade was included in the jam ration it would be impossible to allow four ounces of jam per head. If jam was strictly rationed the quantity would only be one ounce per person a week.

**Meat rationing** is having the careful attention of the Ministry. An official said yesterday that supplies will soon enable them to make some arrangement.

It was also stated that there will be ample supplies of cheese after April.

## “SIR NORMAN MURRAY.”

Norman Murray, who, under the title of Lieutenant Sir Norman Murray, Bart., Australian Baronet, was the chief organiser, was charged at Plymouth yesterday with unlawfully wearing officer's uniform and military decorations, was handed over to the military authorities.

Major Howard said Murray was a private.



The corner shop is a scene of death in mysterious circumstances of Mrs. Ridgeway. (See this page.)

## “OH, JOY.”

New Musical Comedy at the Kingsway Theatre Last Night.

## HUSBAND, FRIEND AND FLAT.

The old themes are the best; they at least have been proved by the verdict of tradition.

Novelty does not challenge criticism when a new musical comedy is produced in London, and we go to the play in somewhat of the same spirit as our ancestors went to see a new “Hamlet” at Drury Lane. There were always new “Hamlets” in those days. There are always new musical comedies—when there is a theatre vacant—in ours.

The latest, called “Oh, Joy”—“a new musical peace piece”—was produced at the Kingsway Theatre last night. The audience greeted the piece with the accustomed enthusiasm of stocky Shakespeareans welcoming a new “Hamlet.” They cheered every conventional character and situation.

The whole affair of the flat and the husband and the friend and the assorted chorus girls seemed to appeal to the audience with the charm of old friendship.

Miss Beatrice Lillie certainly made a great personal success, although she was unable to forget that she had been in revue.

Mr. Billy Leonard's appearance was equally successful.

## TAXICAB PROFITEERS.

Magistrate Hopes Extortionate Chargers Will Be Weeded Out.

“Nowadays taxicab men seem to think they are a privileged class, and that the public ought to pour money into their pockets,” said Mr. Dennis at Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday in fining a taxi 40s. for having demanded more than its legal fare.

Whatever the legality of special agreements by licensed drivers might be,” added the magistrate, “they were not entitled to a halfpenny more than the taximeter showed, ‘beyond the sixpence allowed them through the Home Secretary's indulgence from a ‘fare’ who was not a party to such an agreement.’

“P.S.—Sleeping draughts no good. I must go to drown. Return library books, as I have many out, and librarian might suffer.”

To his wife he wrote:—

“In case I can no longer bear the misery of

years of nervous dyspepsia and insomnia,

never again sleep, I shall no longer be able to use to anybody. Good-bye all.”

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best, but now I feel that I am only a hindrance

as each year I only sink into deeper melancholy.”

“I am leaving nearly everything to you,

my will, as you have been everything to me,

and I know you will dispose of it justly.”

## WHAT WEATHER!

London Experiences a Night of Snow, Sleet and Rain.

The weather prophets were right. They told us that it was practically certain to snow yesterday. And it did.

It turned out an awful night—one of the worst London has experienced for some time.

Snow, sleet and rain fell in a kind of meteorological competition. It was dirty underfoot, wet, cold and uncomfortable. It was a night to be indoors.

And, if the aforesaid weather prophets are to be believed, last night's experience was but a sample of the bad things that the clerk of the weather has in store for us.

We are warned to expect rain, hail and snow.

“The general conditions,” conclude these makers of misery, “will probably continue unbroken.”

And the weather prophet now adds: “A depression centred near London is moving south-eastward. Cold weather with passing snow or hail showers is probable in all districts.”

## FLYING ROUND THE WORLD.

Jules Verne went “Round the World in Eighty Days.” Jules Vedrines is going round it—in twenty aeroplanes some time in June.

The machines, says Reuter, will be placed at various points along the route to avoid delay, but Vedrines cannot yet estimate the duration of the journey.

## “I TRUST SEA WILL NOT GIVE UP ITS DEAD.”

Tragic Fate of Father of Lady Baden-Powell.

## INSOMNIA VICTIM.

Pathetic Message to His Wife, “I Am Only a Hindrance.”

“I hope to succeed in drowning myself so as to be no horror to my beloved, and I trust the sea will not give up its dead.”

This was one of several pathetic messages which Mr. Harold Soames, left for his wife Lady Baden-Powell, before he disappeared from home last night.

Sixty-three years of age, Mr. Soames had suffered for some time from insomnia, and the Court gave leave to present to the Probate Court a letter addressed to his wife's maid.

In a letter addressed to his wife's maid, said:—

“Don't alarm Mrs. Soames if I have gone. I am only that opiate can no longer give me sleep. I am mad with insomnia and have gone into long voyage for which I shall not come home again. I am better. I am no longer able to use to anybody. Good-bye all.”

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## DIED AFTER ARREST.

Refugee Merchant Whose Heart Could Not Stand Shock.

When Juda Garwitz, fifty-one, a refugee from Antwerp, who had traded in Jernymen since 1914, was arrested on a charge of alleged offences against the Bankruptcy Act, the shock was too much for his weak heart, and he died immediately.

At a Inquest yesterday it was also stated that recently-taken poison was found in his stomach. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

## NAVY'S GREATEST "SHOW."

All Classes of Ships To Be “Reviewed” by Public at Spithead.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ramsgate, Monday.

In prominent naval circles it is rumoured that the Admiralty will hold a great review of classes of ships at Spithead, special facilities being granted to the public to come South to inspect them.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Influenza is in New South Wales.

Cow's Record Price.—In Cheshire this year £77 was realised for a dairy cow, this being the highest price ever known.

Fainted at the Bar.—Mr. H. D. MacMillan, K.C., while arguing a case in the House of Lords, yesterday collapsed in a faint.

A Football Match has been arranged between the men and officers of the Brazilian squadron and a Service team at Portsmouth.

Whose Child?—A month-old child, with head resting on a muff, was found in a third-class carriage at Paddington yesterday.

Banker Dead.—The death is announced of Sir Robert Harry Inglis Palgrave, F.R.S., the well-known banker, at the age of ninety-two.

Sink the Lot.—The first thing I would do with the German fleet would be to sink the whole. That would save petty squabbles among the Allies.”—Sir A. Conan Doyle.

Airmen Safe.—After leaving Algiers to return to France Captain Cole and Lieutenant Reuter were forced by bad weather to land in Andalucia. After flying 1,000 miles to and fro over the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

# NO RETURN OF HUN COLONIES—POWERS' DECISION

## GERMAN ARMISTICE CHIEF RESIGNS.

Annoyed at Occupation of Strasbourg Bridgehead.

## HUNS' HIDDEN HAND.

General von Winterfeldt, Germany's chairman on the Armistice Commission, has resigned.

At the last sitting of the Armistice Commission at Spa, says a Berlin telegram, according to Reuter, General von Winterfeldt announced that he had decided to resign from the post of chairman of the German Commission.

The ground for his decision was Marshal Foch's declaration that the sector east of Strasbourg would be occupied by the Allies for days from January 23 on the basis of the agreements reached at the last prolongation of the armistice.

General von Winterfeldt declared that he considered the occupation of this bridgehead would constitute such an indication of distrust of the Commission's labours that he would ask to be relieved from his post on the day on which such an order was given. This moment had now come.

General Nudent replied that he did not know Marshal Foch's reasons, "but," he added, "I am certain that this measure is in no way concerned with the Commission's labours."

Reuter, commenting on General von Winterfeldt's "Game."—The *Journal*, quoted by Reuter, commenting on General von Winterfeldt's resignation, says: "It is the climax of the series of German protests at the Treves Conference."

"The obvious object of this action on General von Winterfeldt's part is to provoke a campaign of reaction."

## 5 LABOUR LEADERS MEET CONGRESS MEN IN PARIS.

Parley with Mr. G. N. Barnes on International Proposals.

PRESS BUREAU, Monday.

The following trade unionists have been invited by the Government to come to Paris to consider proposals which have been made on the matter affecting conditions of employment from a national aspect:—

Mr. A. Henderson, Mr. A. H. Thomas, M.P., Mr. G. W. Bowerman, Mr. G. Stuart Bunning, and Mr. R. Shirkie, Parliamentary Committee of Trades Union Congress.

Consultations between them and the British representatives on the Commission on International Labour Regulation, Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., and Sir Malcolm Delvevinge, take place during to-day and to-morrow, the results will be laid before the Commission.

The delegates met this morning, when there was a general agreement as to the main lines to be pursued. They are meeting again to-night at 8.30 and to-morrow morning at ten.

At 11.30 a.m. to-morrow a further meeting will take place, at which the Dominion Labour representatives will be included.

The delegates leave for Bower to-morrow night with the exception of Mr. Bowerman, who is returning home.

PARIS, Monday.

The Labour delegates to the Bower conference, including Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, paid a visit to their French colleagues at the Palais Bourbon to-day. Central

GRIP OF THE BLOCKADE.

As far as the Central Powers are concerned, apart from the Supreme Council's food arrangements, the blockade is being maintained at full pressure. In the case of neutral countries, practically no concessions have been made since the armistice and the Allied policy in their case is to make the blockade as little irksome as possible. —Reuter.

## Problem of Who Will Rule?—Lost Lands as Part Payment of Indemnity?

## FIRST PARLEYS WITH LABOUR LEADERS.

The future of the German Colonies in the Pacific and the Far East was discussed yesterday by the "Big Five" in Paris, and delegates from the Dominions and China were heard.

Britain and France are said to be agreed on these principles:—

### Colonies to be treated as instalment of indemnity. No international administration.

It is reported that certain of the Colonies in the Pacific may be neutralised.

Reuter's Agency states that it has been definitely decided that any return of her former Colonies to Germany is impossible.

Five prominent trade unionists, led by Mr. Henderson, who went to Paris at the request of the Cabinet, met the British representatives on the International Labour Commission yesterday.

## BIG PROGRAMME OF WORK DRAWN UP.

### Men Who Will Speak for Small Nations.

#### CONFERENCE OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Monday.

The President of the United States, the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, and the Japanese representative met this morning at the Quai d'Orsay from 10.30 to 12.30 and defined a programme of work and the constitution of new committees for economic and financial questions, as well as questions relating to private and maritime law.

The afternoon meeting continued the exchange of views on the former German colonies in the Pacific and the Far East. The representatives of the Dominions and of China were heard.

The next meeting will take place to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Representatives of the Powers with Special Interests met this afternoon at three o'clock at the Quai d'Orsay under the presidency of M. J. Cambon, Ambassador French delegate at the Peace Conference, to appoint members of the missions in accordance with the decisions of the plenary session of Saturday, January 25.

The following were appointed:—

League of Nations—Belgium, M. Hymans; Brazil, M. Epitacio Peso; China, H. E. Wellington Koo (Plenipotentiary); Serbia, M. Vesnić; Portugal, M. Jayme Batalha Reis (Minister Plenipotentiary).

Responsibility of Authors of the War.—Serbia, M. Slobodan Yovanovitch; Rumania, M. S. Rosenthal; Greece, M. Politis; Poland and Bulgaria, not yet appointed.

International Legislation on Labour.—Belgium, M. Vandervalde and M. M. Haimau; Cuba, M. Bustamante; Poland, not yet appointed; Czechoslovak Republic, M. Benes.

International Control of Ports, etc.—Belgium, not yet appointed; China, H. E. Thomas, C. T. Wang; Greece, M. Coromilas; Serbia, M. Trumbitch; Uruguay, M. Carlos Blanco.

### WHO WILL RULE THEM?

### Suggestion That Colonies May Be Divided Among Powers.

The report that the future of the former German colonies is to be left to the decision of the League of Nations, says Reuter, does not in any way imply that there is any question of their possible return to Germany. This matter has already been decided. It will, however, be left to the League of Nations finally to determine in what their future status.

Reuter's Paris correspondent telegraphs:—

"It would seem that the Conference would adopt President Wilson's point of view. His stand-point is that the colonies should theoretically belong to the League of Nations, which, in the event of its being impossible for the League to rule them, would delegate this function to the individual Powers, assigning the different parts of the German colonial empire to the neighbour Power with whom it deems most convenient to govern. Exchange."

The Journal states that the French stand-point is in agreement with the British view, that there can be no handing back to Germany of these territories which constitute a valuable payment in advance on account of future indemnities; and also that there can be no question of international administration.

The German colonies must (the *Journal* continues) be divided up among the States which have claims based on the war, on colonial experience and on geographical position.—Reuter.

Not Before May.—A Paris message says:—In best-informed circles the belief is that the conclusion of peace is very unlikely to come before May.—Central News.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Lloyd George,

## CHANCELLOR OF THE PEACE OF WORLD.

British View of League of Nations.

## ARMAMENT PROBLEMS.

The British scheme for the League of Nations, it is understood, provides that the main fields of activity for the League will be found in the machinery for dealing with international disputes.

The Powers forming the League would guarantee not to interfere—and not to tolerate the interference of others—with the territorial integrity of any States.

No considerable part of its duty would be to help and guide new and undeveloped States.

It is proposed that it shall also supervise the trade in arms and ammunition, seek to maintain freedom of transit and just commercial relations between its members and study economic, sanitary and other international problems.

A general organisation for dealing with international labour problems is necessary, according to the British view.

A permanent secretariat should be presided over by a man of European authority and experience, with some designation such as that of Chancellor.

#### EXCLUSION.

The more States there are embraced within the League the greater its chances of success, but the view is that some States—like Germany—must be excluded for the present on the grounds of not being sufficiently trustworthy.

This exclusion, however, should not be unnecessarily prolonged.

The Dominions and India, it is proposed, should be separately represented.

The League would apply coercion to sovereign States in two cases only; the first, in the case of any aggressor Power going to war without allowing the machinery of the League for securing proper discussion to operate; and, secondly,

General and Mrs. Botha, Mr. Churchill and Mr. E. S. Montagu visited Amiens, Montdidier and Beauvais, inspecting the damage wrought by the war and visiting the cathedrals.

The party also visited some of the British soldiers' cemeteries. Mr. Lloyd George was very much distressed by the terrible damage everywhere manifested.

"No one can put into words the impressions received and also the scenes of desolation and ruin," was the comment President Wilson made before leaving Rethmes Exchange.

A Reuter message says that at yesterday's Conference M. Pichon submitted a draft of the instructions to the commission to Poland.

Mr. Hughes was to be one of the speakers at yesterday's meeting of the Peace Conference, Exchange.

## ALLIES' WITHDRAWAL IN NORTH RUSSIA.

### Attacked on Three Sides, Force Takes Up a Shorter Line.

#### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Archangel. The Bolsheviks have continued their pressure against the Shkensk front.

After bombarding the position for three days our forces, consisting principally of American and Russian troops, were at first withdrawn to the environs of Shkensk to avoid being outflanked by superior numbers.

Later the town and its defences were successfully evacuated, and a shorter line has now been taken up.

#### WASHINGTON.

General Peyton C. March, Chief of the United States General Staff, announces that the inter-Allied force at Shkensk (about 200 miles south of Archangel) was to be withdrawn to the environs of Shkensk to avoid being outflanked by superior numbers.

General March added that subsequent attacks against the new American positions had been repulsed, and that the inter-Allied commander had sufficient reinforcements to handle the situation.—Reuter.

6000 Bolshevik Prisoners.—Lithuanian troops have inflicted a defeat on the Bolsheviks east of Novo, and captured 6,000 prisoners.

## BRILLIANT PAGEANT AMID SNOW IN BRUSSELS.

### King Albert on White Charger Sees British March Past.

The march-past of British troops in Brussels amid snow was witnessed by dense crowds on Saturday, says a Reuter special message.

About eleven o'clock the King, accompanied on a white charger, left the Palace, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, the Earl of Athlone, and members of the British and Belgian General Staffs.

General Sir Richard Butler, commanding the Third Army Corps, took up a position near the King. The march-past was a particularly brilliant spectacle.

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Lord Lytton, appointed Civil Lord of the Admiralty.



Major Astor, Local Government Board Parliamentary Secretary.

where one of the parties to a dispute had complied with an arbitral award or with a unanimous report of the League, and the other party refused to accept it as the final settlement.

The League would have to come to the assistance of the complying party if the other party refused to yield.

All the States forming part of the League would be bound to break off relations with the offending State in both the cases referred to.

It would also be necessary to make provision for the publicity of treaties.

It is probable that some provision in the direction of abolishing conscription will find its place in the treaty, but it is also recognised that disarmament—more or less complete—is essential to peace.

There should be an established principle that no State has the right to maintain armed forces of such strength as to indicate the intent to use them for aggressive warfare.

"Equal Rights."—Count Brockdorff-Rantzau (German Peace Envoy) says Germany could not enter the League of Nations as a pariah. Her reconstruction could only really be fruitful if she stood with equal rights.—Reuter.

## THE ISLAND PARLEY.

PARIS, Monday.

The *Echo de Paris* says if the Bolsheviks do not cease hostilities, as Mr. Wilson demands, the American President, in agreement with Mr. Lloyd George, will put forward new proposals in regard to a solution of the Russian question.—Central News.

## BOLSHEVISTS' BIG MISTAKE

"The Bolsheviks were chasing their own shadow. In a day they wished to transform a society which had taken thousands of years to evolve," declared Mr. Samuel Gompers in an interview with *France Libre* yesterday, says the Central News.

"The existing conditions were not favourable for a rapid march towards a great social amelioration. This the Bolsheviks overlooked."

## HOW WE CLOTHE THE DISCHARGED MEN.

Choice of Civilian Suit or £2 12s. 6d.

### GREY, BLUE AND BROWN.

Every day about 40,000 men are being discharged from the Army.

The task of supplying these men with civilian suits in lieu of their khaki uniforms is no easy one. How is it done?

Some interesting details were supplied to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday by Mr. Walter J. Fryer, C.B.E., consulting advisor and controller of the Royal Army Clothing Factories, who devised the scheme of distribution.

"Every demobilised man," said Mr. Fryer, "is given the choice of a civilian suit, or the sum of £2 12s. 6d."

"When the soldier goes to his dispersal station he is handed a form, and is measured for a suit, and selects a pattern—either grey, blue or brown."

"This form is then forwarded to the Central Depot at Battersea, which has been organised to dispatch, if necessary, every day to each of the 40,000 soldiers the civilian suit of his own choice."

"If all the men chose a suit instead of the money it would occupy the time of 650 typists, which gives some idea of the detail involved in a scheme of this nature."

"As a matter of fact, the number of soldiers who select suits varies from 40 to 70 per cent."

"A special post office has been established at Battersea, and every week fourteen tons of brown paper and eight tons of string are used for the parcels."

### 10,000,000 YARDS OF CLOTH

Special Suit for Man of 6ft. 6in. Made in a Few Hours.

"The number of suits kept in stock and in progress is about 60,000."

"Ten million yards of cloth are now in process of manufacture, representing approximately 3,000,000 suits."

"The cloth is of splendid quality, varying from 8s. to 11s. per yard."

"Should a soldier write and complain that the suit does not fit him, a prepaid address label and a self-measurement form are forwarded to him, and all he has to do is to return the suit, and the fit is rectified without any expense to himself."

"The suits are despatched in parcels direct to the man's address, and, for the first time on record, the G.P.O. have forwarded prepaid parcels without an adhesive stamp."

"It may be that a man is so big or so small that not one of the eighteen stock sizes will fit him. He is then measured by a master tailor and a special suit is made up."

"As an illustration of the rapidity with which this is done, the measurements of men of abnormal height (6ft. 6in.) were received at the Royal Army Clothing Factory at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the suit was made and despatched by eleven o'clock the following morning."

"In this factory alone there are approximately 2,000 women making discharged soldiers' clothing."

### CLOSED TOO EARLY?

#### Novel Test Case Against Well-Known Provision Firm.

An extraordinary case—the first of its kind on record—was opened at St. Pancras yesterday, when a large firm were prosecuted for closing their shops too early.

Defendant was Mr. Sainsbury, provision merchant, of Stamford House, Stamford-street, S.E., who was summoned for having on January 6 failed to comply with the instructions of the St. Pancras Food Control Committee by not keeping open three of his shops in Queen's-crescent and one in Kentish Town-road for the sale of rationed food till 7 p.m., the shops being closed at 6.15.

Mr. Riddell, who defended, submitted that the committee had gone outside their duty in issuing instructions.

Mr. Sainsbury had to elect to disregard this order or close his shops altogether, as the Early Closing Association had attended a conference called by the Ministry of Food, at which trade union representatives were present, when the conclusion was arrived at that the hours of shop assistants should not exceed forty-eight a week.

The Bench adjourned the case.

### PRISON FOR "PERSONATOR."

At Gloucester Assizes yesterday John Charles Ford, thirty-four, carpenter, was charged with perjury at the election for the Stroud Division by applying for a ballot paper and voting in the name of another person.

He was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

### V.A.D.s AS CHILDREN'S NURSES.

Many demobilised V.A.D.s, as *The Daily Mirror* recently announced, are taking up domestic service. A large proportion of them, however, are taking posts as children's nurses.

## ENTERED FOR "DAILY MIRROR" PRIZES.



For two years working in an important Government office in Birmingham.



With a record of two years' service in a Hertfordshire munition factory.

A worker who has done a great deal of good service during war time.



For over four years working as military secretary to an important hospital in the North of England.



Has been doing excellent service as a motor driver in the Women's Royal Air Force.



Has been engaged at a London depot of the Army Service Corps.

Serving as a clerk with Women's Royal Air Force at Dorsetshire camp.

## 30,000 ENTRIES FOR BEAUTY CONTEST.

Amazing Success of Our Great Competition.

### REMEMBER JANUARY 31.

Success after success is being scored by *The Daily Mirror* £1,000 Beauty Competition for Women War Workers; the 30,000 mark has been passed.

The closing date is **Friday next, January 31**. Will the grand total ultimately reach £50,000?

There are indications of a final rush, for yesterday's postbag was one of the biggest since the start of our prize scheme in November last.

The competition is easily the greatest of its kind ever organised.

The jury of prominent artists and others will be seated in the *Daily Mirror* room, will judge the photographs of the competition.

This honorary committee includes portraiture painters who are well-known Royal Academicians, a prominent sculptor, one of our best-known women artists and a famous musical comedy actress long since retired from the stage.

The £1,000 offered by *The Daily Mirror* will be divided among the forty-nine most beautiful women war workers in the land thus:

First prize .....	£500	Twenty prizes each £10
Second prize .....	180	Twenty prizes each £5
Third prize .....	59	Twenty-five prizes £3
Fourth prize .....	25	each of £1

In addition the first four prize-winners will be given a week's free holiday in France as soon as it is possible to make the arrangements after the signing of peace, and when civil aeronautics will be permitted by the Government.

The journey to Paris and back will be made in one of the famous De Havilland aeroplanes to be used on the London-Paris Ritz to Ritz passenger service.

All photographs must be addressed to the Beauty Competition Editor, *The Daily Mirror*, 23-29, Bouvier-street, E.C. 4.

### "TOOK MY CROWN."

King Nicholas's Complaint About Action of His Grandson.

"The Serbian Army," said King Nicholas of Montenegro in an interview yesterday, "occupied Montenegro immediately after the armistice, and after the Montenegrins had chased the Austrians out of the country. The Serbian Government then made a hasty attempt forcibly to annex our land."

"The Serbian Regent, who is my grandson, did not hesitate to assume the Montenegrin crown, and he still wears legally the crown of nearly sixty years."

"By taking a Montenegrin into his Cabinet he wished to place before the Peace Conference an accomplished fact, while in the meantime explaining to the delegates that this was the will of the people of Montenegro, but the Montenegrins arose in arms to defend their rights."

"They demand the restoration of their land and refuse to be considered a mere department of Serbia."—Exchange.

### MEN WHO 'DOWNED' HUNS.

Our Anti-Aircraft Artillery Account for 271 Machines.

While the performances of the anti-aircraft guns of home defences have figured largely in the public Press, few people realise the valuable work done by similar guns in the various theatres of war.

The total bag of the guns from January 1918, up to the signing of the armistice was follows:

Hostile planes "crashed" or forced to land in our lines .....	13
Planes forced down out of control .....	244

Total .....

During the same period the bag of the special A.A. machine guns and machine guns with special sights for use by the infantry was as follows:

Planes crashed .....	26
Making a grand total in 10 <sup>2</sup> months of .....	271

Planes crashed .....

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# Daily Mirror

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1919.

## LABOUR AND PEACE.

IT is a little disconcerting to be told, by the Railwaymen's Conference in London, that the Prime Minister is to be blamed for his "apathy," at a moment when he is, as they say, "up to his eyes in work" over the Conference in Paris.

Why is he apathetic?

Because for the moment he is not attending to the grievances of the railwaymen, and, generally, the grievances of labour, at home.

May we put it to the Railwaymen that "something else to do," rather than "apathy," may be the excuse for a temporary adjournment of the consideration of home grievances?

May we add that much in the present importance of Labour's attitude seems to justify that old reproach against our working people that they care little for the condition of Europe and only for their quarrels.

Before the war, it was known, it was admitted, that no people were in the mass so ignorant about questions of foreign policy as our own. We were in that respect typically insular. We had no enemy—or thought we had none—on our frontiers. Consequently our thoughts were predominantly home thoughts: our fights were industrial, civil wars, domestic disagreement.

Who knew or cared anything, for example, about Serbia?

Then a shot in the Balkans brought every fit peasant, clerk, labourer, miner, or railwayman out of his home and threw him over to France.

One imagined that the importance of foreign questions and foreign policy would be evident even to the most insular of home disputants thereafter. One hoped that our working people would survey Europe, since things happening even in remote Serbia could so tragically affect their lives. . .

The armistice comes. The war ends. The people return to their homes. The labourer returns to his grievances. And, so, without waiting, without heeding the huge matters being debated in Paris, without (apparently) watching breathless to see what may come out of the future, they all devote themselves at once to the home disputes again, for good cause or for no cause, but simultaneously, universally, industriously. "What's the condition of Europe to us. We're an island!" The old illusion. . .

Now we say nothing about the justice here or there in any of the mushroom-growing quarrels everywhere.

What we do say is that Labour ought first to remember that there is one question that must be settled, well before any other questions: the condition of Europe, the fate of the world, the nature and extent and permanence of the coming peace.

There is nothing so important as the Conference—not even the hours of the working day.

In a sense it is "apathy"—laborious apathy—to fix an irritated attention on so many other and so many subordinate things, and, above all, to clamour ceaselessly "Now, now!"—when no labour question can be satisfactorily settled till we know the future of armaments, the future of peace and war.

We wish then that the Prime Minister's attention could be concentrated on the Conference and that his accusers at home could leave him alone for that purpose. We wish that there were surer evidence that Labour understood that, if he brings us a lasting peace, he will bring Labour the first of its privileges, that if he and they fail to bring Labour an atom in the dark future then prepared for it.

W. M.

**A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.**  
He that is in thy sight or in thy neighbourhood is fallen into the lot of thy charity.—  
Jeremy Taylor.

Of course, there are kill-joys who will protest that pageantry means expense.

J. E. D.

## PAGEANTRY FOR PRINCESS PATRICIA.

### A PLEA FOR COLOUR AND BEAUTY IN ROYAL WEDDING.

By JESSIE E. DUNBAR.

THE love of colour and of pageantry is in every one of us. It is a need which ought to be answered. Our modern lives lack colour and beauty.

Contrast life with a romance.

In most cases the facts are identical, it is only the colour and pageantry of an artist that makes the difference.

In many marriages there are the elements of romance, and instead of ignoring them we ought to display them—beauty for all the world to see. The writer of romances knows our hearts and how we, with him, love a true lover, the man who among many women can distinguish his lover and who wins her. Old Sir Thomas Malory thought true love a sort of magic, as indeed it is, capable of setting all

They are wrong, or I misunderstand the meaning of the word.

Before the war a Scots regiment used to march down Buckingham Palace-road every morning, and always there was a crowd all along the road to watch them, and none of us went away as dull as we were before that brave company marched along to the sound of martial music that heartened one for the battle of life. That was a bit of pageantry, and the Life Guards at Whitehall are another.

#### THE PURITAN OBJECTION?

I know if I ask, "Are there any complaints?" now, quite a number of friends will answer, "Yes."

Why? Because in many of us there is still the feeling implanted by Puritans and Calvinists that to be dull is to be good; that colour, light and bravery generally, are tempters. . . They were not so regarded in Queen Elizabeth's day, when we were a strong nation capable of tackling work and play boldly and enjoying them equally.

### "WHAT ARE THEY UP TO NEXT DOOR?"



A common question in flats and houses where one is afflicted (especially at night) by the strange din made by one's neighbours! One can only guess at what they are up to. But it sounds as if they were doing the things here briefly shown.—(By W. K. Hæselden.)

things straight. Of Queen Guenever, King Arthur's ladye, he wrote: "And because she was a true lover she made a good end."

There will soon be a splendid opportunity for us to have a feast of romance, for a Princess as delightful as any fairy Princess is to marry the man of her choice, and he a comonner like the majority of us.

Here is a chance for pageantry and colour and splendour generally, and it is to be hoped that without any unnecessary expense or ostentation we shall see the Princess in a beautiful bridal procession that will gladden many hearts—for so we shall all share in her joy.

Buckingham Palace is like a magician's box—it contains all sorts of wonderful things. From the Palace mews have come on rare occasions milk-white steeds such as a medieval Princess would have chosen to draw her carriage, and a glass coach that Cinderella, even in the apotheosis of her triumph, would have loved to distraction. It is to be hoped Princess Patricia will use a glass coach, or, at any rate, a carriage which will allow a good view of herself in her wedding bravery.

Then let us be glad in them our heroes, let us have our children dancing in all the villages and towns, and our men and maidens, and let us make much of marriage, in which we shall renew ourselves.

Where is the man—sing ho! for the Lord Mayor—who will give us a brave procession of the people of London, and, of course, the children, on the royal wedding day? On that day there should be music and dancing and colour, and out of these would come laughter and love in short romance.

Thus we shall be a little recreated after all

the long sadness and ugliness of the ugliest war in the history of mankind! J. E. D.

## "REFORM OF SPORT."

### WILL THERE BE NO NEW GAMES AFTER THE WAR?

#### AFTER-WAR SPORT.

COULDN'T WE be allowed lawn tennis in our public schools?

Mr Max Pemberton rightly praises the game. It is such a relief from cricket! We all turn to it on the holidays. Why can't we have it at school as well?

A PUBLIC SCHOOL BOY.

#### WHO, INDEED?

I AM SORRY Mr. Pemberton thinks there'll be no new games.

Lacrosse?

That is very old. They've long played it, in Lent term, at St. Paul's School.

Let's have some real new sports. Before the war the golf obsession was ridiculous. Who will think out a new game?

A MIDDLE-AGED SPORTSMAN.

#### "MUSIC WITHOUT TALENT."

I AM ENTIRELY in agreement with "A. S. L." opinion with regard to "Music and the Untalented," and I claim to speak from a certain amount of experience.

My wife has just added the letters Mrs. Doc. to her name, but in spite of that fact, we do not live in a mansion, and cannot claim to be rich by any stretch of imagination.

In fact, we are just the "ordinary" working people, and I work for my living when in "tunes."

In spite of the fearful drawback that my wife is a musician, I find that I can digest my apple pie without the slightest trouble, and indigestion is an unknown quantity to me, though I grant the author of "Music and the Untalented" that my wife did not "strum" the same tune for six years.

To give a little support to the author, I may say that I can easily imagine that any woman who, whilst trying to learn to play, could only manage to strum the same old tune for six long weary years, might be incapable of cooking an apple pie—but whoever heard of anybody "strumming" for six years?

L. N. B.

#### DIVORCE: THE SCOTCH LAW.

IN YOUR ISSUE of January 22 "Gips Britannicus" points out that divorce may be had in Scotland after three years' separation.

As there are constantly missstatements made by the advocates of easy divorce relating to the Scotch law, I append the law as it really is:

There are two grounds of divorce in Scotland: (1) adultery and (2) desertion.

The defaulting spouse must have absented himself or herself wilfully and without the consent and against the wishes of the other spouse for four years before the desertion becomes a ground for divorce.

Now, with these facts this "desertion" plea is really a safeguard to marriage—enacted with a view to seeing that marriage is a real state of husband and wife living together and that the law of desertion is the very opposite of giving an excuse for an easy divorce.

If two people do not get on together and mutually agree to live apart and do so for four years this does not entitle either of them to divorce.

The pursuer in the case must prove to the Court that he or she bona fide desired to resume life in common, and had written to the defaulting spouse to that effect and that he or she had declined.

The provision in Scotch law is thus for the benefit of the deserted party, enabling him or her to apply for divorce should he or she desire it.

But the proposals put forward by the Divorce Union, Lord Sydenham and Lord Buckley have been drafted to enable adultery parties to apply for divorce by reason of his or her desertion, and against the wishes of the innocent party, which would mean legalising adultery and condoning bigamy.

LADY BERCHEM.  
(Hon. Sec. Marriage Defence Council, 64, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.)

#### SHORTER LETTERS.

NOBODY seems to have a word to say for the homely. Could we not abolish the wedding present, too? I mean the friends of the bride and bridegroom would be very pleased with this reform. —K.

HOW can we be educated without leisure? says "A Working Man." Has he found that leisure young men are, as a rule, the best educated—ANOTHER WORKER.

MUCH better to exclude women from smoking carriages. Then sometimes we men will get a chance of a seat on the way home. —T. N. L.

W. M. seems pleased that "Tommy" does not like being lectured. Would it not be a better sign if our men really wanted to learn and to profit by their learning? —AN OFFICER.

#### THE POET.

On a poet's lips I slept  
Dreaming like a love-dream kept:  
In the sound of a lullaby  
No one finds a better bliss,  
But feeds on the ariel kisses,  
Of shapes that haunt those wildnesses.  
He will watch from dawn to gloom  
The lake reflected and illumed,  
The flower blosomed in the spray-bloom,  
Nor heed nor see what these things be—  
But from these create he can  
Forms more real than living Man.  
Nurslings of immortality!

—P. B. SHELLEY.

## BULL TRAINED FOR FARM WORK IN DERBYSHIRE.



Master Ralph Chamberlain, son of a Derbyshire farmer, with the young bull which he has trained both as a mount and for draught purposes. He uses his "horse" for odd work on the farm with success.



**M.C.** Capt. Roy Neville Benjamin, of the Royal Fusiliers, who has been awarded the Military Cross for outstanding gallantry.



**ART LEAVE.**—Sergeant Harry Royal, of the R.F. grained three months' leave to finish skates he made in Gallipoli.

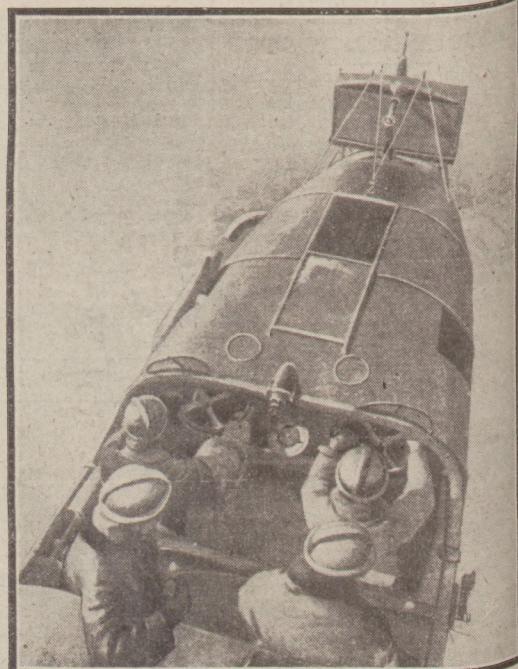


**C.B.E.**—Captain J. Northcote Crisford, Inspector of Regions, Ministry of National Service, who has been appointed a C.B.E.



**FOR POLAND.**—Sir Esme Howard, who will be one of the British delegates to Poland. He will leave Paris shortly.

## IN A NEW GERMAN AEROPLANE.



Pilots and passengers in one of the newest types of German aeroplane, photographed whilst machine was in flight. They have plenty of space.



**"OH, JOY!"**—Miss Beatrice Lillie and Mr. Billy Leonard in "Oh, Joy!" at the Kingsway Theatre, which was successfully produced last night.



**RESIGNING.**—Sir Walter Townley, British Minister at The Hague, whose resignation is reported. He has had a varied career.



**IN IRELAND.**—Sir Thomas Dixon, Bart., appointed a director of County Down Railway. He is a notable personality in Ireland.



A crowd of munition workers lined up alphabetically at the White City unemployment payment bureau, London.



Cashiers at the unemployment payment desks issuing weekly allowances to discharged workers from war munition factories. **UNEMPLOYMENT MUNITION WORKERS' ALLOWANCE.**—Issuing unemployment payment to the large number of munition workers who have been thrown out of work by the cessation of demand for military fighting material.

# A HIGHER STANDARD OF WOMAN'S WORK.

## SHOULD CARE OF CHILDREN BE SPECIALISED?

By MRS. OLIVER STRACHEY.

Mrs. Strachey, who is Parliamentary Secretary of the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies, suggests a plan for a better use of the energies of women.

THE curious thing about the lives of young girls nowadays is that they are nearly always led on a twofold system.

On the one hand, they learn, from their schools and education, that it is important to be efficient: to be trained for wage-earning work, and to support themselves.

On the other hand, they absorb from novels and magazines and from the general standards of their companions the idea that it is their function to be charming, to seek for the protection of a man and to spend their lives as unpaid housekeepers.

The two systems don't work well together; daughters at home are discontented and longing to be leading their own lives, and girls out at work are discontented and longing to be idle at home.

In the wonderful new England we are experiencing, we ought to put this right. It would not be so very difficult if we would only be honest about it. But perhaps to be honest about matters of sentiment is more difficult than anything else.

The trouble here comes from the fact that the job of a girl or a woman at home has no paid value.

### ENDOWMENT OF CHILDREN.

Wives and mothers get nothing for their work except their keep and clothes, and therefore to stay at home or to be married is not one profession competing with others, but a sort of blackleg job, uncertain of attainment, enticing because it seems easy and unexacting, at first, gilded over with security and prestige, and smothered by love, which unsettles and disturbs a girl's acceptance of her duty to work.

The position is further complicated by the fact that marriage is not necessarily in competition with other jobs.

Married women are finding it more and more possible to do paid work, and if household conditions improve, as they must, this tendency will increase. And so the uncertainty remains, paralysing the girls, and very adversely affecting their chances of entry into skilled and technical professions.

Would the trouble be eased by making the home work of married women a paying profession? Would the payment, for instance, of State endowment of children help the situation?

Clearly it would ease matters for the women who received it, but that aspect of the question stands by itself.

Would it ease the position of young girls and help them to settle down to life?

It seems likely that it would. Anything that gave to home-keeping and child-rearing a professional status could not but tend to steady the prospects of all young girls.

They would begin to understand that the choice is not between work and idleness, but between work and work, and that whatever they decide to do in life they have got to try and do it well.

### REDISTRIBUTE THE WORK.

If we paid for the upbringing of children we might get a higher standard for it, as we have got for nursing since the days of Florence Nightingale.

Then we might see the woman with scientific gifts, for example, relieved from the care of her children's table manners, and the woman with a gift for the care of children teaching them instead.

We might space things out a little, and redistribute the work among people who know something about it, and so save and utilise the energies of womankind.

Against all this, of course, there is the great weight of sentiment. A mother must bring up her own child; a man must eat a dinner cooked by his own wife.

It may sound very pretty, but it is in fact very foolish.

In so many cases the child and the dinner are both spoilt, and the woman's life ruined into the bargain.

We all know that the first thing that happens to a household that gets a larger income is the arrival of a cook and the next is the arrival of a nurse. The moment they can afford it wives and mothers disregard this sentimental nonsense, and they are quite right.

Let us try and give the flappers of the future an easier and a plainer path to tread.

O. S.

# IMPRESSIONS OF GERMANY IN DEFEAT.

## A BRITISH OFFICER'S GLIMPSE OF THE RHINELAND.

### By ONE IN OCCUPATION.

I NEVER thought I should see Germany like this! An occupied country, a defeated country, the country of the armistice. And just before the war—in the summer of 1914—was planning a tour on the Rhine!

Four and a half years later, I have seen the Rhine.

But not from a place planned for my tour. An ugly industrial city, a city of smoke and *Arbeit*.

The other day I escaped to Cologne to get away from it for three hours.

The German people, the German workmen, the German women amaze me.

The women I see for the first time in masse. What hats! I have no eyes for hats, being a man, but these hats I see—as wrong.

They surmount on the whole smiling, even cordial faces—for us. They seem to bear no ill will against those they have injured—against the world they hated.

Perhaps, too, the war has brought, with all the suffering, some dignity for these women.

They act as conductors on the trams, porters and ticket collectors at the stations, and have taken men's places in many industries.

Still, the male Boche treats his women as inferior beings.

An opportunity of teaching one of them the elements of chivalry occurred the other day.

I was travelling by train and there was one vacant seat in the carriage when a fat Boche got in at the last moment with his "frau." He proceeded to take the vacant seat and left his wife standing, whereupon I ordered him out of it and made his wife sit down.

I hope his wife did not suffer for it when he got her home!

Another story shows the other sort of Boche.

I am standing near a bridge.

A long-haired, pale man comes up to me. He wants to draw me. For ten marks!

I let him, and am about to pay him (for he draws admirably), when he sees some chocolate that I have and asks for it as half of the price.

His "frau" is hungry! "The chocolate for my 'frau'."

Then, when I give him the chocolate, he launches into a flood of German, of which the chorus is *Kaiser nicht gut* (the Kaiser's no good), which he thinks simple enough for me to understand.

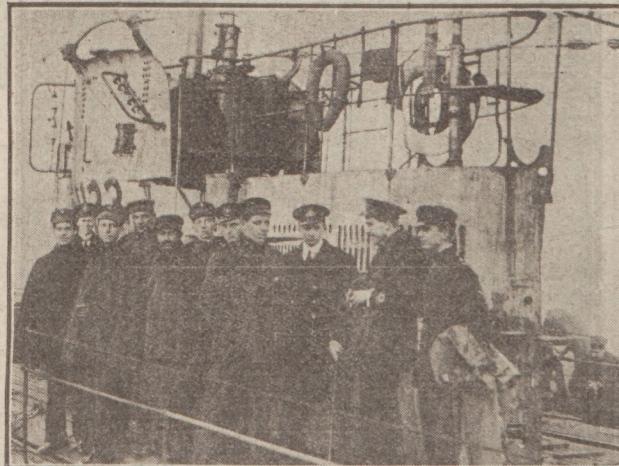
It is the phrase the civilian here opens fire with when he wants to ingratiate himself. No doubt he's heard that hatred of the Kaiser is a passport to the Britisher's favour.

So it is always *Kaiser nicht gut*!

I make no answer.

But, in the dreary weather of the dreary tour amongst a half-starved apathetic and emphatically dreary population, I often think at what a cost for themselves and for the world these Rhinelanders have had to learn the lesson that *Kaisers are "no good"!*

G. S.



A NAVAL OCCASION.—Officers of the Brazilian squadron which has visited Portsmouth inspect German submarines now in internment there.

# OUR WOMEN SMOKERS: SOME CRITICISMS.

## DO THEY DIFFER FROM MERE MALE DEVOTEES OF TOBACCO?

### By OWEN FLETCHER.

I REMEMBER a time when the women who smoked in Britain were very, very few.

Those who did smoke were reputed to have something vaguely Russian or Spanish about them. It was obligingly said (just to excuse them) that they'd lived in Russia or Spain: "where, as you know, the women smoke."

And such tiny cigarettes! Scarcely worth mentioning. Cigarettes with gold or cork or violet-tinted tips; or, if they were Russian, little cardboard holders half-way down the already modest "smoke."

We advanced. First, many women began to smoke all day at home.

Then I was told it was only at home.

When I offered a charming woman (neither Russian, nor Spanish) a cigarette, one day after lunch, at the Savoy, she rebuked me with: "At a restaurant?—dear me, no!"

We advanced again.

Now they all smoke—some very prettily—at restaurants.

Then, in music-halls. "At restaurants—yes," I was next told. "At music-halls—no!" One must draw the line. And I learnt that the line—a shifting one—had stopped dead just outside the door of the Coliseum.

Another advance.

They now nearly all smoke in music-halls.

And they smoke in trains. They smoke in smoking carriages. They also smoke (like all smokers) in non-smoking carriages. They smoke everywhere. The line has receded till, like Euclid's lines, it no longer really exists.

I do not complain.

If they smoke prettily let them smoke everywhere.

Unfortunately, with feminine excess, they do not seem quite to know how to stop smoking.

I know one who smokes charmingly—but all the time. She smokes at meals—during meals. She smokes during dinner, at her own dinner parties. If she is sufficiently intimate with them, she produces cigarettes at other people's dinners. Her friends abet her. They know her weakness, or her pose. Behind her back, however, they say: "What a pity, or what a nuisance, it is!"

So it is a great nuisance. She overdoes it. She overdoes it in that way women do overdo it, and outstrip us men in naughtiness, when they are naughty.

I dread, therefore, the spread of too much smoking amongst women.

It is excess. Excess stimulates reform. If women smoke so much and too much we shall get the tobacco equivalents of the "boudoir" enthusiasts on to us. We shall get austere females advocating "a smokeless England," "a tobacco-less Britain." And I shall not be able to smoke my evening pipe.

Mere male egotism?

No; a sane interest in the cause of the moderate woman smoker!

# MAGIC OR BELIEF: WHICH IS IT?

## THE REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN "MYSTERY."

### By BISHOP WELDON.

The Dean of Durham comments on the recent renewed interest in spirituality, magic and the unseen world connected with them.

THE success of many "mystical" books, the great longing to believe in spiritualistic "evidence," the credulity even in the lower manifestations of magic—all indicate today a great wave of aspiration, often mistaken, sometimes sincere, towards the Unseen.

Is it the dawn of a new belief?

Is it merely the "revival of magic"?

We do not yet know. But one thing we know—circumstances change; while human nature remains the same. Men naturally aspire to penetrate the secrets of the universe. Whatever is marvellous or mysterious exercises a spell over them. They cast longing eyes towards the life beyond the grave. They are conscious in themselves of spiritual instincts which attest their own proper dignity and destiny.

It is here that the power of religion lies.

Man is and always has been a religious being. If he does not believe a true religion, he is apt to believe a false one. It may almost be said that irreligion itself becomes in certain circumstances a religion.

It is remarkable that people who reject the evidences of Christianity should accept the so-called evidences of Theosophy or Christian Science; that they should disbelieve in Jesus Christ, and believe in Me. Blavatsky or Mrs. Eddy.

### THE FORTUNE-TELLER'S FORTUNE.

But the desire of reading the future or the unknown is so strong that it wins credit for fortune-tellers, clairvoyants, etc., however ignorant they may be; it has given the base media in spiritualism an opportunity which they have utilised not infrequently for their own profit.

The late Mr. Maskelyne was fond of declaring that, whatever feats the Spiritualists could perform, he could perform without the assistance of any spirits.

But, in spite of all arguments and experiences, the credulity of human nature remains a constant fact; and it claims to be satisfied either by the truth or by falsehood.

The war, with the heavy weight of suffering in its train, has greatly accentuated the desire for spiritual communion with the dead. Atheism has become almost an impossibility. Agnosticism has been felt to be not only irrational, but rather cowardly.

And just because people's faith has been instinctive, may, inevitable, they have listened with a reverent eagerness to the first faint sound of any voice which came to them or seemed to come from the dead. This is the feeling which lies at the heart of such a book as Sir Oliver Lodge's "Raymond." It is a feeling not only natural, not only universal, but it is sacred and divine.

At such a time, when many souls are conscious that the dead are somehow nearer to them in death than they ever were in life, there are two principles which it may be well to lay down.

One is that it is the duty of every thoughtful man or woman to be prepared for fresh revelations.

### AN OPEN MIND.

The wise man will throw open the windows of his soul as of his mind. He will welcome fresh light whatever be the source from which it comes. He will realise that no wiser words were ever spoken than those of Shakespeare: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio."

Than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

The assumption that spiritual knowledge is and must always be unattainable is a sin against human nature.

If the spirit survives death—and who can believe that it does not?—then the appearance of the spirits of the dead or the dying to the living can be no impossibility; it is not even improbable, it is *a priori* more likely to be true than false.

But all spiritual knowledge depends upon evidence.

The question which needs to be asked is not whether such knowledge is possible or not, but only whether it is proved or not. For, as the desire for knowledge of any kind is intense, so should the caution in accepting such knowledge be vigilant.

Truth is the sublime prerogative of humanity. It is none the less sacred when it is or may be itself unwelcome. For the plain duty of man is to welcome with an open mind all truth, whatever it may be.

J. E. C. WELDON.

## "BONNY" LADIES.



Canadian officers with charming "ladies" of a concert party, who do not usually wear skirts, at Bonn.—(Canadian official.)

## THE KING DECORATES V.C.s.

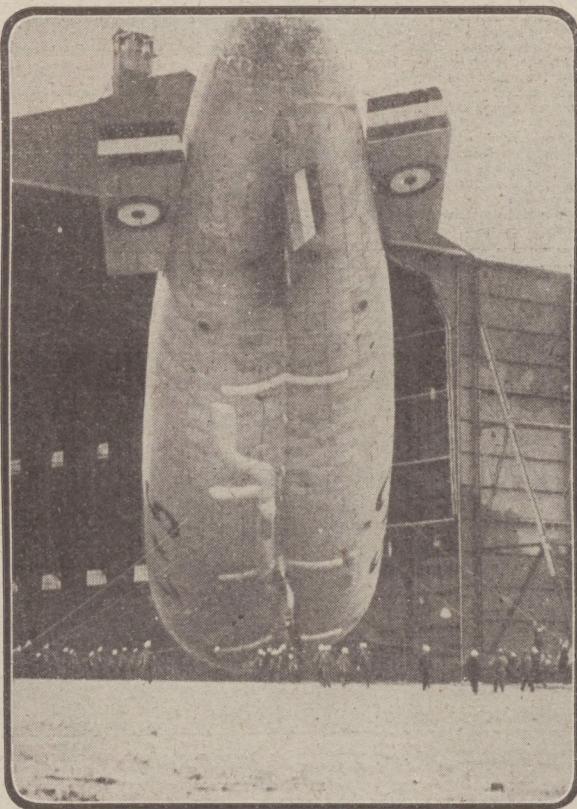


Lieut.-Col. Cyrys Wesley Peck, D.S.O., received V.C. Sgt. W. Merrifield, who received the Victoria Cross. Cpl. William Metcalf, who received the Victoria Cross. Three Canadians who received the V.C. from the King at Sandringham.

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A British coastal motor-boat photographed from an airship of the little craft through the waves.



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ALLIES IN CONSTANTINOPLE.—General Sir Henry Wilson, Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in Constantinople, greeting General D'Esperey on his arrival.—(Official.)



MAPPING IT OUT.—American sailors and soldiers on service on this side of the Atlantic are to be given an opportunity to see something of Great Britain before being sent home for demobilisation. An information bureau for assisting the sightseers.



TRAINING FOR MONDAY'S MATCH.—Joe Lynch boxing with Sid Smith, ex-fly-weight champion of England, in preparation for his match with Tommy Noble at the Ring on afternoon of Monday, Feb. 3.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



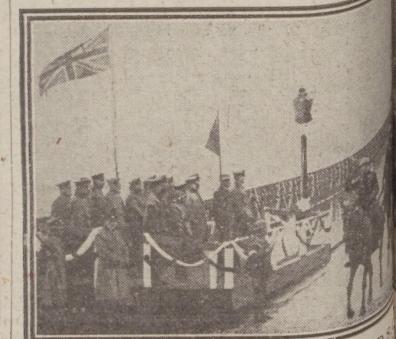
LONG SERVICE.—Lady Goldiner, Commandant of the Red Cross Hospital at Corsham, Wilt., which has been open since 1914.



AT CAIRO.—Sir Miles Chetham, who will serve as Acting High Commissioner for Egypt during Sir R. Wingate's absence.



PREMIER IN PARIS.—Mr. [unclear] in Paris during his official visit in connection with the [unclear].



ON A RHINE BRIDGE.—Lieutenant-Colonel Pense, D.S.O., at Bonn, On the bridge, where the [unclear]

## SPEED FOR THE NAVY.



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(*Daily Mirror*.)



DEAD.—Lady Holman, widow of the late Sir Constantine Holman, M.D., whose death has just been reported.



COMING HOME.—General Sir Francis Reginald Win-gate, High Commissioner for Egypt, has left Cairo for England.



commander took the salute.—(Canadian official.)

## ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED.



Miss Enid A. Ballance, who is engaged to be married to the Rev. F. W. Holland, M.C., M.A., Chaplain to Australian Forces.



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## TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

## Skating Princess.

According to a Canadian officer I have met, it was her graceful skating as much as anything else which made Canada fall in love with Princess Patricia. "She is a vision on skates," said he.

## Mrs. Wilson and Dress Tips.

A friend back from Paris tells me Mrs. Wilson gives the French modistes plenty of dress tips. Dressmakers watch for her as she walks in the Bois and go to the restaurants she and the President frequent. She is very fond of neutral tints.

## Getting Acquainted.

These nights there are a good many family parties for Lord Althorp and his bride-to-be, Lady Cynthia Hamilton. Both have large numbers of friends. The wedding will be one of the events of the year.

## Workers' Tribute.

Here's Lady Waterford, who has just had a wedding present which she will value highly. It is from the workers at the War Hospital Supply Depot in Dublin, where she has been helping all through the war. She is very popular with all her co-workers—hence the gift.

## Arlington-street.

That modest little street out of Piccadilly, known as Arlington-street, will not know itself without the Salisbury family. The humbler residents will have to remember that they still have the Duke of Rutland and Lord Zetland in their midst—also Mr. Selfridge.

## Hatfield the Home.

The late Lord Salisbury was seldom at Arlington-street, except during the session, preferring his workroom at Hatfield. Now that the motor-car has brought Hatfield and town nearer the present Marquis will live mostly in his Hertfordshire home.

## Coming Out.

In the season, which promises to be very gay, Lady Normanton intends to do plenty of entertaining for her two unmarried girls—Lady Georgina and Lady "Lina." Her other daughter is now Lady Alexandra Haig Thomas. There are four other girls, but they are still in the schoolroom. The only son, Lord Somerston, followed a sequence of seven sisters.

## Anglo-Danish.

A daughter of the Lord Strafford who, as Sir Harry Byng, was for long a valued member of Queen Victoria's Household, Lady Normanton is of Danish ancestry, her mother having been Countess Henrietta Danneskild-Samsøe and a distant connection of Queen Alexandra. She is supposed to look like the Queen-Mother.

## Retiring.

Sir Harry Webb, who followed Sir Charles Dilke as member for the Forest of Dean, and lost his seat at the election, will now definitely retire from politics, and will devote his time to his estate and his hobby—which is agriculture.

## Boreavements.

Heir of a very wealthy uncle, Sir Harry has always been a great friend to charities. He has just lost Lady Webb, a charming and accomplished woman, and his only child, Basil, was killed in France a year or two ago.

## Hor Champion.

Brigadier-General Owen Thomas, M.P., says that as soon as Parliament meets he will draw attention to the case of the Hon. Violet Stevens' monument to the Duke of Wellington in St. Paul's. Lord Clive, Captain Cook and Lord Chesham are the subjects of other fine memorials from Mr. Tweed's chisel.

## Holidays in Germany.

I am told that consternation was caused in our army of occupation the other day. A young subaltern was offered leave to England. He declined on the ground that he preferred the holiday he was having on the Rhine. It is believed to be the first authenticated case of leave being refused—by the wrong party.

There is a varied programme for Miss Evelyn Bréha's concert at Steinway Hall to-night. Debussy, Goossens and Granville-Bantock are drawn upon as well as Mozart, Beethoven and Verdi. The eminent soprano will be assisted by Mrs. Norman O'Neill.

## The Real Hoarders.

A year ago the Ministry of Food was prosecuting numbers of people for food hoarding. Now the Ministry itself is hoarding large quantities of food, and fails to make any effective demand for the release of the large stocks of wines and whisky now in this country.

## Glad Rags.

Although evening kit is seen in public a good deal more now, the shirt with a stiff and glossy front has not returned. And, as the advertisement says, "there's a reason." Until more starch is available we shall have to be content with soft-fronted garments.

## A Ball.

To-morrow's great event will be the United Services' Ball, at the Albert Hall. Officers from foreign parts are hastening home to dance at it. Cologne sends a contingent. The Americans are going to be there in force; and the massed band of the Guards will show them how the crack musicians of the British Army can play dance music.

## The Waltz Revived.

It will not be all fox-trots and jazzes. Several waltzes have been introduced into the programme at the urgent request of one branch of the Services—one can guess which! I am looking forward to a brilliant and gorgeous spectacle, and King George's Fund is expecting a large and welcome addition.

## Looking Ahead.

"We have all our suites booked up for May and June," I heard the manager of a West End hotel tell a lady who was trying to engage one. "They have been mostly taken by Americans, who booked them by cable," he added.

## Lord Kitchener's Home.

Many Americans making plans for tours in Europe are desiring to see Lord Kitchener's homes here and in Ireland. I understand Lord Broome has made a point of keeping Broome Park precisely as it was when his uncle left it for the last time.

## Miss Lee White's Crocodile.

The other evening a "crocodile" of little girls was seen to be led by Miss Lee White from the stage door of the Ambassadors to a Strand restaurant. They were the children of the "Us" chorus, and the procession was re-formed after dinner and "proceeded" back to the theatre.

## The Latest.

Some tobacconists never by any chance have popular brands of Virginian cigarettes



Miss Beatrice Scott, who is appearing in "When Knights Were Bold."



Miss Eva Pain, daughter of Mr. Barrymore, winner of a scholarship at the R.A.M.

in stock nowadays. But they always mention that they have plenty of high-class Turkish or Egyptian cigarettes. This is a good dodge.

## Doctor's Day Off.

A doctor tells me about his day off: "Went to the Rubble Exhibition. Waited half an hour for a table at a tea-place. Waited twenty minutes for a bus; strap-hanged. Saw four tube trains go by; got the fifth and lost three overcoat buttons in the scramble. At the other end waited three-quarters of an hour for a bus; walked home in the rain."

## Demobilised Whitebands.

A demobilised cadet with a grouse unloaded it on me the other day. His complaint, put briefly, was that some of the "whitebands" were given twenty-eight days' demobilisation furlough and then gazetted officers.

## Studying Economy.

The effect of this, according to him, was that the thrifty authorities were saved paying them at officers' rates during their twenty-eight days.

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# THE LOVE TRAIL

By IOLA GILFILLAN

## PEOPLE IN THE STORY.

**HELEN CARSTAIS**, a young and beautiful typist, who is engaged to **ROY DUNBAR**, the assistant manager of the firm which employs her.

**KITTY LATIMER**, Helen's step-sister, engaged to **Dennis Clare**, a Canadian farmer, but in love with Helen's fiancé.

**HUGH LONSDALE**, who, masquerading as Roy Dunbar, had been flirting with Kitty.

## KITTY LEARNS THE TRUTH.

"I AM Roy Dunbar," said Roy quietly, raising his eyebrows. "What can I do for you, Miss Latimer?"

He had, although he was not by any means lacking in gumption, failed to grasp the situation. He remembered Kitty's strange letter, and he wondered again if the girl was quite safe.

"Well, if you are Roy Dunbar—I wish to see, Is he here?"

"You mean Hugh Lonsdale?" queried Roy.

"I mean Roy Dunbar," snapped Kitty impatiently. "Surely he hasn't asked you to talk to me again instead of seeing me himself? Is your name really Roy Dunbar, or is this your idea of a joke."

"Who is the Hugh Lonsdale you mention? I don't know him, and I insist upon seeing Mr. Dunbar."

Her dark, pretty face was flushed with annoyance, and her dark eyes flashed as she snatched out the words. She saw Roy start, bite his lip as if to keep back a cry, and saw that a look of excitement had flashed into his eyes.

She resented his steady stare, and was very cross with him. Naturally, she did not know that for the first time Roy had realised something of the truth.

"There is no other Roy Dunbar but myself, as far as I am aware," said Roy quickly, recovering himself. "I am Roy Dunbar, the assistant manager, and I will allow you to explain. There seems to be a regrettable misunderstanding."

Kitty hesitated, darting a suspicious, searching glance at his rugged face, then, with a shrug, she accepted the chair Roy pushed forward.

"Yes, there certainly seems to be some misunderstanding!" she commented, in a somewhat sarcastic tone. "Your last 'explanation' was not all convincing or satisfactory. Did Roy ask you to give him time to tell me that he was engaged to my sister?"

"Engaged to your sister!" gasped Roy, in excitement and astonishment. "Good heavens, Miss Latimer, what on earth put that idea into your head? I never said anything of the sort."

"You did!" exclaimed Kitty hotly. "You distinctly told me that he was engaged to be married to another young lady. You said you knew I had not understood that, and suggested that in the future I would be better if my cousin and I didn't meet again."

"That was what you said, and when I got home Helen told me that she was the girl he was engaged to. Now you dare to say—"

"Stop!" interrupted Roy, husky with excitement, his face white. "Your sister Helen was engaged to me—to me—not to Hugh Lonsdale! Surely you didn't think—"

"Who is Hugh Lonsdale?" demanded Kitty, interrupting him. "I don't know him. What are you dragging in his name?"

"Hugh Lonsdale is my cousin, the man you knew as Roy Dunbar," replied Roy quickly. "He used my name—by way of a joke, he said—and without meaning any harm. That was one of the reasons why I agreed to see you, to meet you that evening at the Savoy."

"Surely Hugh explained that—I mean about his using my name and calling himself Roy Dunbar when he saw you last, and when he called to you in his office?" asked Roy. "He told me he had explained everything, and made everything clear."

Kitty sat erect in her chair, gazing at him aghast and wide-eyed. She was too much astonished to be able to grasp the significance of what she heard at once, and her brain was in a tumult.

"It can't be true!" she stammered, after a brief pause. "I don't believe it! This is some story you have invented."

"You can't—oh, you can't really mean that Roy—I mean that your cousin isn't Roy, and that his real name is Hugh Lonsdale?"

"I assure you, Miss Latimer, I am telling the truth," responded Roy with great earnestness. "I swear it. I did not mention Hugh's real name when I met you."

"I thought you added it for reasons which I need not mention, not to do so; but afterwards, when I came to my consternation that you and Helen were step-sisters, I tried to explain. Hugh told me he had seen both Helen and you, and explained everything."

Roy was almost trembling with excitement. Roy had blazed into life in his heart again at the discovery that apparently neither Helen nor Kitty understood the true situation. For over a week he had been telling himself that he had put Helen out of his thoughts, that he had ceased to care, and that her conduct had been quite unpardonable.

Actually, he had been eating his heart out; and now, despite all his attempts at self-deception, hope blazed up again in an instant, hope of an understanding and a reconciliation.

Kitty, for her part, seemed stunned. She sat erect again, with set face, her gloved hands clasped tightly together on her lap, her dark eyes inscrutable. A hundred bewildering thoughts, doubts and memories had flashed across her mind as she listened to Roy's explanation.

She remembered that Helen had asserted that she had not seen Roy again, and that the man

who had called upon her was named Lonsdale; I remembered, too, that Roy or Lonsdale, if that was his name, but she still thought of him as "Roy" had told her he had called on Helen. She had refused to believe Helen's assertion, and had accused her of perfidy and duplicity.

Now, it seemed that Hugh had been telling only the truth. It was all bewildering and, to Kitty at least, almost unbelievable.

"But—I don't understand!" she burst out, after another long pause. "What do you mean by saying you were engaged to Helen?"

"It happens to be perfectly true," answered Roy quietly, his face flushing slightly. "I was engaged to Helen, but she broke it off without reason, or, at least, ostensibly, because—"

"I don't understand Roy," if you had been present that evening, perhaps the misunderstanding would have been cleared away. It was after saying she wanted nothing more to do with me."

"So it was you who called?" ejaculated Kitty, convinced now that Roy was speaking the truth, and beginning to grasp the position. "Was it you or Roy—I mean Hugh—who called at our house on the night I met you at the Savoy?"

"It was I," answered Roy. "If you had been present that evening, perhaps the misunderstanding would have been cleared away. It was difficult for me."

"I did not want to denounce my cousin and perhaps make things very awkward for him. As far as I know, Hugh has only been to your house once—when he called about ten days ago, to explain matters to Helen. Why do you ask?"

"It was Roy," said Roy, colouring. "Helen, when I called each time," said Kitty. "I begin to understand now. But why should Helen have thrown you over?" she added, after a moment's pause, and proceeded at once to answer her own question. "Why, she must have thought you were the Roy Dunbar who had been making love to me!"

"Good heavens—yes!" cried Roy, with rising excitement. "That would account for everything. Hugh cannot have explained—yet he told me he could."

"He did call," said Kitty. "He told me so, and I thought that he and Helen had made it up. I don't know what he said to Helen. She said he told a tissue of falsehoods."

"Perhaps he told her the truth and she didn't believe him. It is all so strange, so confused, that I hardly know what to think or what to believe."

## AN OUTBURST.

ROY bent forward, an eager look in his grey eyes.

"Miss Latimer, it means a lot to me," he said earnestly, with a quiver in his deep voice.

"I understand now why Helen threw me over. It was because she thought that it was I who had been carrying on with her, and she could not have understood that I was not responsible that I was not the Roy Dunbar you know, and that my cousin had been using my name. That must be the explanation. Will you tell her—explain—and ask her?"

"Wait!" interrupted Kitty suddenly. "You told me that your cousin was engaged to a young lady. If Helen isn't the young lady, who is the other girl? I want the truth. And I want to know where your cousin is."

She had recovered from the first shock of astonishment, and her nimble brain was acting again. The suspicious look came into her dark eyes once more as Roy hesitated before answering her sudden question, and she decided instantly that he was deceiving her in some way.

"What I told you was perfectly true, Miss Latimer," said Roy in some embarrassment, "Hugh Lonsdale is engaged to be married, and the wedding is to take place very shortly. It isn't necessary to mention the name of the young lady he is going to marry, and I would prefer not to do so."

"Naturally, she knows nothing about this affair. Believe me, Miss Latimer, the best thing to do in the circumstances would be to put Hugh out of your thoughts. I am sure that he was never in earnest, and that you misunderstood—"

Kitty sprang from her chair with a gesture of irritation and impatience, her eyes flaming.

"Why should I stand aside?" she burst out passionately. "He cares for me, and he told me that he would be only too glad to escape from his engagement and marry me if he could. I'm sure he doesn't love this other girl—whatever she is—and I don't need to give him up!"

She paused, breathless, gazing defiantly at Roy. "I am staring at her in concern and astonishment."

"I am advised to put him out of my thoughts," she continued scornfully. "Helen advised it, you advise it, and I am told that I have 'misunderstood'!"

"I am expected to stand aside meekly and make the best of it. I won't! I won't—so there! I suppose this other girl is some relative of yours, and that's really why you have misunderstood."

Roy flushed involuntarily as he met her challenging, accusing glance, for Cynthia Darcé, to whom Lonsdale was to be married, was rather welcome.

"I assure you, Miss Latimer, you are quite mistaken, at least, as to my motives," he said hurriedly. "If I had known that you were Helen's step-sister, I should have acted differently. Please don't get excited, and don't blame me. I quite sympathise."

"I don't want sympathy," interposed Kitty, with passionate impatience. "I want to know who the girl is that Roy—Hugh—is engaged to. You say she knows nothing about me. Well, I am going to tell her—tell her that the man she is engaged to is in love with me, and make her give him up."

"Oh, you needn't look so horrified! I suppose

you think I am bold and unmeinly because I dare to say such a thing, but I don't care!"

"Why should I be made to stand aside when I know Hugh cares for me? Why should I let this other girl have him when I know he doesn't love her. He will be unhappy, and shall I."

## IS IT A BARGAIN?

SHE controlled herself, and sat down again, flushed and breathless, and still quivering with the intensity of her emotion. Roy drew a long breath and nervously rubbed his chin. He sympathised to a great extent with Kitty, and appreciated her point of view, but he knew she was wrong.

He was sure that Lonsdale was genuinely in love with Cynthia Darcé, and that it would be disastrous to allow Roy to cause a scandal almost on the eve of the marriage.

He was cursing Hugh Lonsdale inwardly, cursing him for a fool and a knave, but he felt that he was, nevertheless, in honour bound to avert trouble at all costs, and to try to conciliate Kitty. He realised, however, that it would be almost impossible to convince her that she was quite mistaken in Lonsdale's feelings, and he sighed despairingly.

"You are in love with Helen, aren't you?" asked Kitty, before he could decide what to say.

The blood rushed to Roy's face again, and he nodded, too much taken aback by the direct question to speak.

"Well, I'm in love with your cousin," continued Kitty in low voice. "If you will send me back to me, make him break off his engagement with Helen."

"I am sick of her, although she says she hates you and never wants to see you again, and I know if I tell her everything she will make it up. I can influence her, and one need ever know anything about our bargain."

Kitty was desperately in earnest. She knew that what she proposed was questionable, but she was determined that she was not going to be left in the lurch. She had thrown over Dennis Clare for the sake of Hugh Lonsdale, with whom she fancied she was very much in love, and she did not mean to let him wealthy admirer slip through her fingers, as it were.

The idea of making a bargain with Roy had occurred to her, and she proposed it impulsively. It appealed to her selfish little heart, and she was not in the least daunted by the fear that Roy might consider her bold and unmeinly.

"You can't forget, Miss Latimer, that now I know all the facts, I can explain myself to Helen," said Roy coldly, after a few moments of silence.

"You can—but she won't believe you," retorted Kitty calmly. "I am quite sure she would think your explanation was another in-

vention, unless I vouched for it. And I am not prepared to help you unless you are willing to help me."

Roy recognised that what she said was correct. Helen would doubtless refuse to believe him unless Kitty supported his explanation. He bit his lips in vexation, and he felt an impulse to take Kitty by the shoulders and shake her.

"Miss Latimer, I assure you that Helen is very much in love with the girl he is going to marry," he said desperately. "He regards her as a harmless flirtation—not more. I want to be quite frank with you."

"If I or you caused trouble, and succeeded in breaking off the engagement, I honestly believe that Hugh's father would disown him, and in any case I don't think Hugh would marry you. He wasn't really in earnest."

"I am the boy just as either he was earnest or not," retorted Kitty recklessly. "I don't want to cause trouble, really, Mr. Dunbar, and I hope you won't think me horrid."

"I am sure you are wrong about Hugh, but that it is only because this other girl is a relative that you want to avoid any trouble. You don't seem to consider me or my feelings at all. If you love Helen, as you say you do, then you are in the right."

"I do!" exclaimed Roy quickly. "But you are asking me to sacrifice the happiness of a friend and the girl he is going to marry in order to save my own—or restore my own."

"My happiness doesn't matter, apparently," commented Kitty sarcastically.

Roy bit his lips again, and rose to pace up and down, much perturbed. He had to fight the old struggle between inclination and duty between love and honour, as so many men have had to do.

Why should he sacrifice his own happiness and that of the girl he loved for saving Hugh Lonsdale from inconvenience?" he asked himself. Lonsdale had only himself to blame; let him take the consequences and pay the price of his folly. But it might mean much for Lonsdale if he agreed to Kitty's proposal and perhaps Cynthia Darcé's heart would be broken.

It seemed to Roy that it would seem like betraying a friend to agree to Hugh's bargain, unless he agreed there was no hope of winning Helen, for Kitty would hate him and might denounce his explanations as falsehoods.

"Well, do you agree?" asked Kitty, her patience exhausted.

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As yet, no prophet dares predict what will be the new vogue.

There is, however, one garment which no Paris fashion can put out of favour for Englishwomen—the plain coat and skirt.

"These spring skirts are to be very plain and very narrow for tailored suits," was the opinion of a big firm given to *The Daily Mirror*.

"They will have shallow yokes or half-yokes, slits of pockets on either hip, and a half belt being also very narrow.

"The coats are in the box variety, very simply tailored. They have long sleeves, one or two buttons, are made high length, and have set-in sleeves that again are plain and narrow.

"As a hats, little turbans, chiefly of brocade and fur, are being worn, but in the spring wide and elegant hats almost untrimmed will be seen with the simple suits.

"Lace-up or buckle shoes and gauntlet gloves complete the costume, with a blouse."

#### RETURN OF THE BLOUSE.

"Blouses, ousted by the jumper, come back with the plain 'tailor.' They are lovely; in fine linen net or chiffon that is tucked and gathered. There is a coarse lace with the linen; fillet and Venetian lace with the net, as simply made as possible, and just ruffles with the chiffon.

"Gowns? There can be no certainty on that point all February long."

"Meanwhile, we make slim gowns with tunics set from the base of the somewhat long bodices.

"No collars," said this expert, "or only a miniature line of white satin or linen showed at the neck, which is cut to the base of the throat, round or in a tiny square."

## SEARCHLIGHT BALL.

Wonderful Services Dance at Albert Hall To-morrow.

There will be a brilliant scene at the great United Services ball at the Albert Hall to-morrow night in aid of the King's Fund for sailors, the Army, and Navy will waltz and fox-trot with beauties of all the Allies.

Tickets have been booked by officers as far away as Cologne.

Four large searchlights, which have been the means of frustrating one or two Hun plots, will be brought specially from Portsmouth to illuminate this wonderful pageant.

At midnight Mr. George Robey, C.B.E., will sell by auction prints signed by admirals, and half of the voice pipe of the *Vindictive*.

Tickets may be obtained at the *Æolian Hall*, or from Mr. F. Plummer, 4, Brick-court, Temple, E.C.4. Tel., City 1311.

## MR. PEMBERTON BILLING.

'Political Animosity'—M.P. Struck Out of Divorce Case.

In the Divorce Court yesterday the case of *Bray v. Bray*, Villiers Street and Pemberton Billing, was again mentioned.

Mr. Billing, in the witness-box denied on oath that he had ever misconducted himself with the respondent, Mrs. Bray.

Mr. Cotes Preedy, for petitioner, said he asked Mr. Billing no questions. But in the answer of the co-respondent (Mr. Billing), which would have been dealt with had the case gone on, this statement appeared:—

"That the presentation of this petition as against the co-respondent is not bona fide and was instituted by the political animosity of third parties, and is an abuse of the process of this honourable court."

Mr. Billing was dismissed from the suit.

#### "PROFITS ESSENTIAL."

"The wage earner should realise that as a nation we can only consume to the value of what we produce, and if production falls away then there will be less to go round, with the consequence that each individual will not only live on a lower scale, but he will have to pay more for the things that he does obtain," said Mr. Goodenough, chairman of Barclay's Bank yesterday.

"Profits are essential, for they afford the basis of direct taxation, and it is only by maintaining profits at a reasonable level that the wage earner can be largely exempt."

#### WHO FOUND THEM?

Has anyone found two anti-tank rifles? Two German ones dispatched by General Sir Henry Rawlinson to be actioned at the Cenotaph on Sunday next will sit in the diorama of British soldier, sailor, and airman. General Rawlinson wired that they had been sent to the War Office, but they cannot be traced.

## VERY ATTRACTIVE MODES OF THE MOMENT



A graceful gown of grey chiffon for afternoon wear. It is trimmed with bead and bugle embroidery in a particularly pleasing style.



One-piece dress of navy blue velour effectively decorated with silk stitching and scalloped bands of self material. It is as pleasing as it is simple.



Brown velvet at its most distinguished. The panel trimming which ornaments it is of soutache embroidery and there is a silk cord girdle.



An afternoon gown of satin veiled with gold-embroidered chiffon. Its straight lines are accentuated in a happy manner by a loose girdle.

## HOW TO FIND HOMES FOR OUR HEROES.

Ration Unused Houses in Heart of London.

### 258 EMPTY ROOMS.

Should the rationing system be made applicable to housing accommodation?

Something must be done, and done quickly, if a serious state of things is to be avoided.

Thousands of warriors who have wedded since the war have nothing in the way of a home in view.

Hotels are booked up to the last bed, in many cases for an indefinite time, while furnished apartments are practically unobtainable.

Yet men are being demobilised in vast numbers every day, and regard themselves as lucky if they are able to "put up" in the home of a relation, often, as it has turned out to be, at great inconvenience to the householder and his young family.

The problem is needlessly aggravated by the fact that the most is not made of the present accommodation in various parts of the metropolis.

*The Daily Mirror* yesterday discovered an enormous number of houses in the heart of London with unoccupied rooms.

In the Marble Arch district alone 258 unoccupied rooms were found, the houses varying from three to five stories in height.

The accommodation that could be used is so considerable that the following details will be of interest:—

Unoccupied Houses, Rooms.	Unoccupied Houses, Rooms.
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No. 7 .. 3 9	No. 17 .. 5 15
No. 8 .. 4 12	No. 18 .. 5 15
No. 9 .. 4 12	No. 19 .. 5 15
No. 10 .. 5 15	

But big houses are not the only buildings in which accommodation could be found. There are large numbers of houses attached to mews which only half occupied.

These contain two or three rooms, with a scullery, and perfectly fit for habitation. The rent is about £30 a year.

## THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Cheerful, Especially Oils and Kaffirs—First Railway Dividend.

THE CITY, Monday.

The Stock Markets, despite the threatening labour situation in many directions, War Loan received quite a good tone yesterday. War Loan recovered its value, closing 5s. with other investment stocks generally higher.

In Industrial shares some hesitation was shown, but advices from provincial exchanges continued favourable. Guest Keens, the great Midland and South Wales iron, steel and coal combination, rose sharply to 5s. 1d. A.B.C.'s weakened to 3s. 9d. Mapolays steady, 21s. 6d. Nigers good, 5s. 6d.

Kaffirs continued to receive support from Cape Jolimies Consolidated (the head of the Barnato group) rose sharply to 25s. 6d.; this company is largely interested in diamonds and the new State gold areas of the Rand. Geduld further improved to 25s. 16d. East Rand Props, a few weeks ago difficult to sell at 3s. 6d., were 8s. 9d. bid.

Oil shares continued active. Anglo-Egyptians were again leading feature. 3s. 6d. Birmahans rose to 9s. 6d. very firm. 7s. Mexican Eagles, on the bumper figures of the annual report, were 5s. 16d. Robbers were quiet.

The Home Railway dividend declarations opened with that of the Lancashire and Yorkshire, which, making 4s. per cent. for 1918, is unchanged; credit forward increasing slightly from £39,671 to £40,347.

## CROOKED WAY THAT LED TO GAOL.

Described as a dangerous man and one who would rather earn one shilling crookedly than one pound honestly, Charles Thomas Littleford was sentenced at Birmingham Sessions yesterday to twelve months' imprisonment and three years' police supervision for stealing £190 from Jeremiah Westwood.

Littleford obtained the money in gold from Westwood under promise that he would sell each sovereign to a dealer in gold for 2s. Having secured the money, he disappeared.

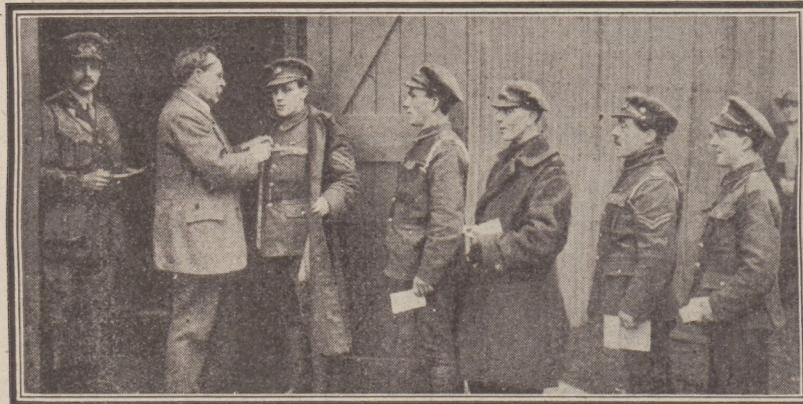
### WAS SHE REALLY 121?

Mrs. Bourke, who has died at Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, is reported, says an agency, to have reached the marvellous age of 121, and claimed to have had fifty direct descendants in the war, the majority of whom were wounded; two of them were killed.

### "THE BIG IMPRESSION."

"The Nelson Column—that was the big impression," said one of the Japanese sailors who are sight-seeing in London, to *The Daily Mirror*.

## HOW "TOMMY" CHANGES FROM KHAKI INTO "CIVVIES" WHEN HE IS DISCHARGED

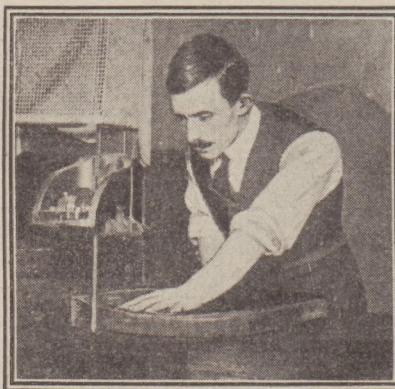


Soldiers ready to be measured for the civilian clothing that marks their final release from military service.

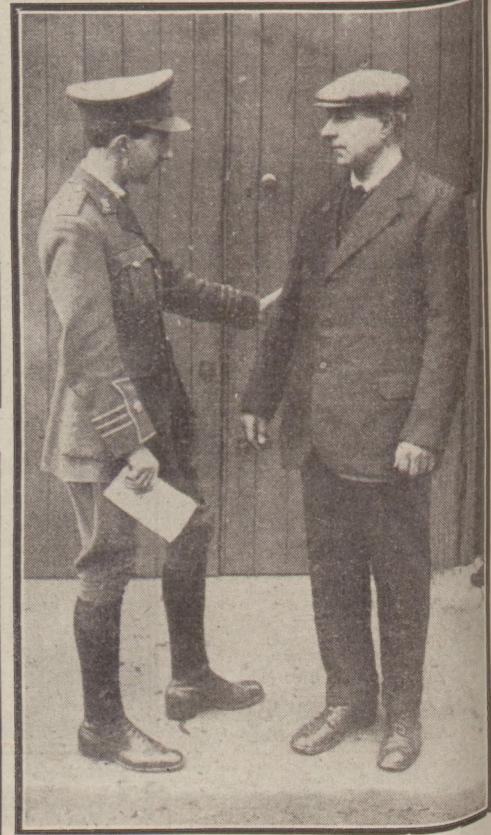


Girls packing civilian suits

Every day about 40,000 men are being discharged from the Army. Every one is given the choice of a civilian suit or the sum of £2 12s. 6d. A large proportion of them choose



A machine which cuts out the cloth to pattern.

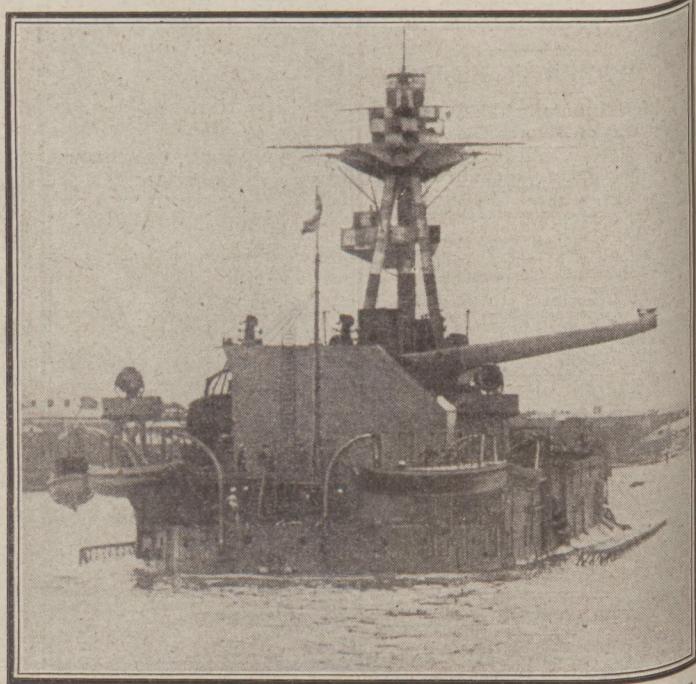


Officer in charge inspects a discharged soldier's new civilian clothes.

the suit, which is quickly supplied from the Royal Army Clothing Factory's stock of some 600,000 completed and in process.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)



JUST RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION.—H.M.S. King George leading the Second Battle Squadron during the battle of the Dogger Bank. The British big guns taught the Huns that it was better for their ships to remain in port.



FIRST PHOTOGRAPH PUBLISHED.—Eighteen-inch gun mounted on a British monitor. This gun fires a shell weighing one and a half tons, and at point-blank range can pierce plate armour forty-one inches in thickness.

## BASHAM'S BRILLIANT WIN OVER SHEVLIN.

Greatest Bout for Years at National Sporting Club.

### GAME U.S.A. SAILOR.

Sergeant - Instructor Johnny Basham, welter-weight champion of England, beat C. P. O. Eddie Shevlin, champion of the U.S.A. Navy, on points, in their fifteen-rounds bout at the National Sporting Club, last night.

It was the bout of the year at the club, and no finer boxing has been seen in England, at any rate since the war.

I always held the view that, with the single exception of Jimmy Wilde, Basham was our best champion. Yesterday he was brilliant in his versatility, but he met a stubborn opponent who, hammered and beaten sore, would not give in, and who was always a possible winner right up to the last.

Basham fought with both hands, and Shevlin's defense was quite inadequate to keep the British champion's leads out. He never knew what Basham would do next. Sometimes Basham even led with the right and landed heavily. Sometimes he would swing, and sometimes hit straight. And, although he frequently missed, that was because Shevlin's head and foot work was really clever.

#### PANTHER-LIKE BASHAM.

All through Shevlin took a rage gruellings. Basham was like a panther, darting here and there, and always with deadly intent and effect. But Shevlin never faltered, and, although he was rocked this and again by the severity of his opponent's punches, he was never off his feet.

Not until the thirteenth round did the referee have to tell Shevlin to break it, then it was a half-hearted order which strangely jarred. The men stood up and boxed delightfully with the utmost fairness. It was wonderfully inspiring after the numbers of dull cuddling matches we have seen of late.

It was an object lesson to boxers, and roused the house, and Shevlin was cheered quite as heartily as Basham at the finish. When he was let over the committee seats to shake hands with Admirals Sims at the finish the hurrahs almost lifted the roof.

Shevlin was not quite so limber as Basham. Not so quick and not so resourceful. But he could punch hard, and in the second round, with a right hook, opened a nasty cut over Basham's left eye.

In the last two rounds Shevlin fought desperately for a knock-out, and with Basham willing to mix it with him we had some thrilling moments.

P. J. MOSS.

## ATTWOOD AGAIN OUTPOINTS CRAIG.

Sergeant Attwood, the Canadian welter champion, defeated Sgt. Alf Craig (R.A.F.) on points in a recent twenty-rounds contest at the Ring yesterday afternoon.

It was far from being a good contest, too much holding and clinching being indulged in by both men.

For the major part they boxed as if they were tired, and during the last few rounds the fighting was brisker.

Brooks Beats Jones.—At the Hoxton Baths yesterday Corporal Joe Brooks beat Billy Jones, of Walsall, on points in a twenty-rounds match.

#### F.A. SAYS "NO."

Football Season Not To Be Extended—F.A. Cup Next Season.

At a council meeting of the Football Association the first held since July 19, 1918, at 42, Russell Square, yesterday, the suggestion to extend the football season was not carried. The proposal was that the season should start on August 1st and close on May 15.

Mr. J. T. Howcroft was elected vice-president in place of the late Mr. C. J. Hughes, and Mr. A. Kingscote was chosen as treasurer in place of the late Mr. D. B. Woolfall.

On the proposal of Mr. McKenna it was agreed that a league or a competition shall not consist of more than forty-four clubs instead of forty.

It was decided that Scotland be asked to play a home "victory" international matches this season. These matches are not to be included in the series of internationals. The points of the two associations will be equally divided between the two associations.

It was decided that agreements between clubs and players should be limited to one season.

The discussion on the proposed alteration of the cup was deferred until the next meeting. It was agreed that the Cup competitions be re-opened next season. Clubs must enter for the F.A. Cup by July 1, and those desiring exemption by May 1.

## LEAGUE'S TEAM AGAINST SCOTLAND.

The Football League have chosen the following team to meet the Scottish League on the Birmingham ground on February 22.—

S. H. Hardy (Aston Villa); Longworth (Liverpool); W. Womack (Birmingham); T. Fletcher (Everton); J. Parker (Stoke) and A. Greener (Everton); J. Harrison (Wolverhampton); R. Whittingham (Ipswich); S. Cook (Huddersfield) and Bremerton (Brentford).

Professional Arrangements.—The Windsor meetings, which are to be held at the club on the 28th and 29th, will be given at the sum of £1,000.

Professional Billiards.—Last night's closing scores in the offside matches now in progress were: Recco, 9-35; Newman, 6-46; Falkinger (receives), 2,600, 10,375; Inman, 7-287.

## RUGBY UNION'S BAN.

Hard Case of Amateurs Who Have Played with Northern Clubs.

### SHOULD THEY BE BARRED?

One of the many results of the war has brought those responsible for the control of the rugby game in England and Wales right up against an old problem in a more difficult form—the Northern Union players.

His presence in the Army teams and other sides created a new problem. What was to be done in the matter?

First to tackle the subject, the Rugby Union has delivered a pronouncement permitting Northern Union players to play in Army matches, so long as they are in the Army, but are not prepared to go any further. The Welsh committee has done the same, putting up the bar against them in Welsh football, whether apparently in the Army or not.

So far as the Army Union committee's ruling affects the Army, Navy and Air Force it can be left where it is. The three Service Rugby Unions are more than strong enough to act quite independently of the Rugby Union, if they please.

But what of the demobilised player who has taken up in the war the laws relating to professionalism to be strictly enforced in each individual case? If so, personal hardship will be inflicted. Take the following curious case:— Lieutenant H. Bowker, of the Western Command at Knowsley, before the war played for Eccles and Lancashire. He got mixed up in an aeroplane accident, but luckily escaped with a severe bruising and shaking.

He tells me that he was advised that hard physical exercise would help the restoration of his nerves, so he turned to football. Now Rugby Union football was to be had where he was, so he played as an amateur with a Northern Union club—Swinton. I think—not receiving any payment whatever.

Resuming his military duties in due course, he raised a Rugby team in his camp, hitherto given over to Association football, able to beat a fairly good side of the Public Schools Service at Richmond.

Now the demobilised Lieutenant Bowker will desire to play under the Rugby Union code.

Will the pronouncement bar him? It is unthinkable that such a genuine Rugby man should be ruled out. Yet the committee are not prepared to submit "any modification, etc."

TOUCH JUDGE.

## WINDSOR RACES.

Good Entries for To-morrow and Thursday at Royal Borough.

Windsor expects to have a bumper gathering to-morrow and Thursday for the steeplechase meeting on the Clewer Meadows.

The rumour that portions of the course are under water is entirely without foundation. There was slight frost in the ground yesterday morning, but at noon it had gone, and the going is in good order; great attention having been paid to the galloping traps. Of course, last night's snow may alter matters.

Mr. Bottomley has requested the Stewards of the Sandown Park Meeting to hold an inquiry into the running of Canute, which ran fourth in the Village Selling Hurdle Race, won by Carol Singer, at Sandown Park last Wednesday.

In the meantime he has challenged Mr. Bayliss to a match between the same horses, at the same weights, and on the same course.

## R.A.F. RUGBY TRIAL.

Midlands Beat the North-West by 11 Points to 0.

During the present week the R.A.F. Field, Blackheath, will be the scene of an important series of trial games instituted by the R.A.F. Flying Section to determine the fifteen Flying Corps will rely upon in the coming international tourney.

The first of these was played yesterday, when the Midlanders beat the North-Western area by a goal and two tries (11pts.) to nil.

The Midlanders owed their success mainly to their forwards playing more as a combined pack than as individuals, and the running of the backs being well supported by the wingmen of the halves, Devensh and Penny, and Wrenmore in the centre.

Rutherford, on the right wing, gained the first try for the opening half, the ball being passed by Devensh and Wrenmore. The other tries came after the interval. Penny got his first try following up his own kick, charging down that of the opposing full-back and regaining possession of the ball. He then ran on, making an unexpected chance of dribbling, and kicking hard over the line, was first on the ball. Wrenmore converted one.

## AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

After one of the keenest and closest games in the competition H. Evans beat A. W. Seller by 61 points in the second round of the Amateur Billiards Championship at Stourbridge.

Evans, after a style-break of 77, 52 and 41, showing a fine, all-round knowledge of the game, but Evans, who played very forceful billiards, managed to secure a lead of five points at the interval.

The other games made breaks of 88, 78 and 51, Seller's best being 69 and 52. Final scores: Evans 1,000, Seller 939.

Windsor Arrangements.—The Windsor meetings, wish it to be known, that no change will be made at the sum of £1,000, the admission is £1, 2d.

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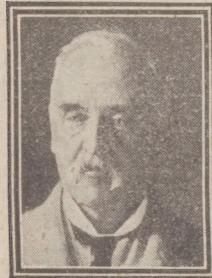
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THE RETURN OF THE "WOODSNIPPERS."

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS.



General Sir John Watson V.C., G.C.B., whose death at the age of 81 is announced. He was three times wounded in the Mutiny campaign.

Mlle. Evelyne Brélia, the well-known operatic singer, who is giving a song recital at Steinway Hall to-night. There is a most interesting programme.



The girl carpenters' concert party from France, known as the "Woodsnippers," rehearsing at Byfleet.



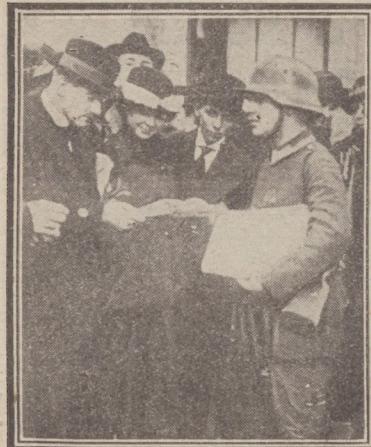
**KING PETER.**—King Peter of Serbia is announced to be seriously ill. He was born in 1844. Here the King is seen in his coronation robes riding through the streets of Belgrade.



**A WONDERFUL "LOT."**—Mr. George Robey holding the portion of *Vindictive's* speaking-tube which he will auction at the United Services Ball to-morrow in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.



**SUBMARINE RESCUES AIRSHIP.**—A British submarine rescues a British airship in difficulties in the North Sea. The airship is seen approaching the submarine to be taken in tow.



A paper seller in a steel helmet.



Artillerymen hold up the passers-by.

**IN BERLIN.**—The streets of Berlin present some strange spectacles in these times, and there is a general feeling of uneasiness in the air. Above are two typical scenes in the German capital.



**THE REWARD OF VALOUR.**—General Monier decorates Captain Bouchard with the Legion of Honour, awarded in connection with the Bolo Pasha and Caillaux affairs, at the Invalides, Paris.